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"What about the constitution?" was asked the "gentleman from Georgia," during the course of his speech and bitter denunciation. "Constitution," he replied, "To hell with the constitution." (This was modified, being in church, and we cannot understand such scruple from the fearless one.) "Talk not to me about the constitution," "But this is treason," interrupted "Senator Lodge" from Massachusetts. "Treason!" "Do you call it treason when we seek to protect our wives and daughters from the clutches of black fiendish rapists who lurk in secret places to devour our womanhood?" retorted back "Senator Hoke Smith," the Negrophobist from the great state of Georgia.

It was during the session of the United States Mock Congress which was held last Monday evening at the Second Baptist church, Tenth and Charlotte streets, that the above exchange of "confidences" took place. The affair was lively and heated from the beginning, and of a truth there was not a dull moment while the thing lasted.

"Hoke Smith," the speaker of the house, assumed the unusual prerogative to leave the "chair" and present a bill before the most dignified body in the world. Needless to say it was designed against the Negro. They say the gentleman's invectives in this direction were unusually poignant and that his bitterness was all that could be asked. He using that masterpiece and classic "Nigger" to good advantage and telling effect, it was thought that the senator was by no means "going back." In his speech he spoke of the "Negro's inability to grasp the white man's civilization and his constant burden upon the fair Anglo Saxon. This outburst of vehemence seemed only to make the gentleman from Georgia an object of ridicule and scorn by "Senator Lodge" (Cecil G. Brown), the gentleman from Massachusetts, who proceeded to speak against the "segregation bill," that had been introduced. The gentleman's style was scalding and dignified and he told in the clearest possible way of the Negro's progress in every direction and proved his worthiness for the best consideration of the American public.

"The segregation bill," said he, "just presented to this body by the gentleman from Georgia, is nefarious and diabolical in all of its details. It is simply a political measure which means to Jim Crow, ostracize, and humiliate a defenseless and struggling race and by that means placing the stigma of inferiority and incompetency upon them; it is another synonym for disfranchisement and is a direct blow at the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments."

The learned gentleman said many other concrete things in favor of the Negro.

All present felt grateful that the race had such a strong advocate in congress to watch over their interests. The "question" was put to a vote and was unanimously defeated excepting one vote, this single Negro later was loyal to Smith.

The work started when "Senator Tillman" arose to present a bill on disfranchisement. This pitchfork gentleman was ably characterized by K. D. Price, and the acting was fine. It was thought once that he would out Tillman, the real Tillman, so vitriolic did he become. His auditors began to hiss and boo and the speaker threatened to clear the galleries. Thus amid many jeers the tenacious orator delivered his famous denunciatory harangue against the "nigger," and before he finished he had the attention of the house and evidently gave Senator Dooliver, who opposed him, something to think about. This latter gentleman was characterized by Mr. Holbert, who won out over Tillman with his eloquent presentation of the Negro's side of the question.

"Senator Root" of New York (Reeves), presented a bill on "Civil Rights," in a clear and concise manner. His efforts met with little opposition so well did he "cover" his proposition.

What created the fun? What put the house in an uproar? What called forth a generous display of wit? What stirred up so much contention? Only one thing could do this, but instead of "a woman in the case" it was woman suffrage that did it. "Senator Bristow" was heralded to

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present this militant measure but it fell to the "mysterious stranger" to perform that office which he did in a "mysterious manner." Certainly, Certainly, this gentleman proved to be "Senator Bailey" of Texas, in real life Dr. Samuel Barco of national fame as preacher and scholar. He met an able opponent in "Senator Curtis" of Kansas (DeFrantz). It was thought once that the people were to witness a good prize fight, so "hunted" did these "sufragettes" and "sufragets" become. It was allowed that the "militants" of London were put to shame in strenuousness. It was whispered that these two senators would probably be prevented from taking their "offices" in the next session so unruly were they to the "chair." Excitement ran high. We do not attempt to define the order of debate. There was none. It was just debate, Senator Bailey, in attempting to prove a point, said "When God made woman, He made a mistake." Somebody interposed for him, some one else observed that he believed in women having "their rights," and to be consistent "hand them a left now and then."

The speaker, after putting all of the available sergeants at arms to work, wearing out his gavel, and threatening to call out the militia, he finally secured order. A vote was put and what do you think? The anti-sufragists won. Hurrah!

The ladies present were asked for a demonstration—they refused to move, thus showing indifference. Is this not really so? "Chief Justice" was the worthy title given the Hon. L. A. Knox who gave some real hard facts pertaining to the judiciary and the harrassing of "Senator Bailey," only enhanced the earnest and sincere oratory of the speaker.

A good audience in spite of the weather, everybody happy and genial—everything in "perfect disorder" as was intended. It was one of the best affairs that has taken place for some time.

It will be repeated again, yea, it has become a permanent institution of that church.

Rev. Hayes gave the invocation and speaker of the house will be announced in our next issue.

Mrs. Nellie E. Young, Mrs. A. Wheeler and Mrs. Mary Clay are running.

MOBERLY, MO.

Miss Bertha Althouse attended the Sunday School Convention at Columbia. The clubs have only one more week to work before the big rally closes. Every one is looking with interest to the close and wondering "who is going to be who." The entertainment given at Second Baptist Church by Mrs. Coleman was a success. The program under the direction of Rev. W. H. Coleman gave entire satisfaction, and was one of the best that has been given this season. Sunday was a very busy day here, there were two annual Thanksgiving sermons. The Knights of Tabor held their service at 11 a. m., sermon delivered by Rev. W. B. Coleman; at 3 p. m. the U. B. F. & S. M. T. held their Thanksgiving service. W. B. Coleman also delivered a good practical sermon. Huntsville was well represented, both lodges, temples and juveniles. Prof. S. T. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary, was present. Rev. W. H. Davis preached at Grant Chapel last Sunday night. His sermon was well delivered, and very thoughtful. Rev. J. L. Harris of Carrollton preached two splendid sermons at Second Baptist Church last Sunday. And the church on Monday night presented him a call to the pastorage of their church. The banquet of the

lodges and temples was an elaborate affair. A large crowd was present, and all enjoyed themselves. Mr. Ace Maupia is erecting a fine two-story house on Bedford street.

NOTICE.

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PALMYRA, MO.

St. Paul Temple No. 4 held its installation of officers at Park Chapel Baptist Church, Thursday, June 19. Officers were installed by Most Worshipful Grand Priests, Mrs. Oda D. Garnett of Macon, Mrs. Garnett also read a most excellent paper on "Women's Achievements." Miss Hallie Davis went to Quincy Saturday. Rev. G. C. Haywood and Miss Lavina Smiley have returned from the Sunday School Convention which convened in Frankford. The Daughters of Shiloh Tabernacle No. 9 and Sweet Annas Tent No. 2 had their annual sermon Sunday. The members of the A. M. E. Church are preparing to give a picnic July 4. Mrs. Jennie Sparks and daughter, Miss Paul, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mollie Valentine Tuesday. Mrs. Vina Howell of Quincy was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith Johnson, last week. Don't forget to attend the entertainment given by Mt. Hope Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M., June 27. You miss a treat if you fail to see Eureka Commandry of Hannibal drill. Mrs. K. A. Smiley was at Hannibal Monday. Mrs. Clarence Crawford is very ill. Mrs. Lucy Thompson of Quincy spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hale. The Grand Lecturer of the Chapter, Mrs. Katie Wilson, of Omaha, Neb., visited the Chapter Sunday. Mrs. Louvenia Buckman of Hunnwell visited Mrs. Jennie Sparks last week.

CHILLICOTHE, MO.

There is a slight change for the better in the condition of Mrs. Elizabeth Banton. Mrs. Peter White is very ill at her home. Mrs. Mary Monroe was confined to her home several days last week on account of throat trouble. The funeral of Mr. Job Lee of Utica was held last Sunday just two months after that of his wife; it was conducted by Rev. John Carter of Carrollton, Mo. Rev. Talley, Mrs. Lottie Montgomery and Miss Margaret Estes returned from the Baptist S. S. Convention Saturday and report a very pleasant session. The Masons and Eastern Star and Knights and Daughters of Tabor have been favored with visits from some of their distinguished officers recently among whom were Grand Master N. C. Crews, Mrs. Lillian Booker, Prof. A. R. Chinn and Mrs. Kate Wilson. Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Oaks, Miss Clyde Clark, Prof. William London and Mr. Benj. London were efficient delegates to the recent S. S. Convention of the A. M. E. Church. Rev. Chas. Crews, Misses Monroe and Brown were visitors. The K. & T. of Tabor had their annual sermon last Sunday at the Baptist Church. The juveniles were out in large numbers. Rev. Talley delivered an excellent sermon in addition to an excellent program. The popularity of the Jones lunch room speaks well for the business tact of Mr. Wm. Jones.

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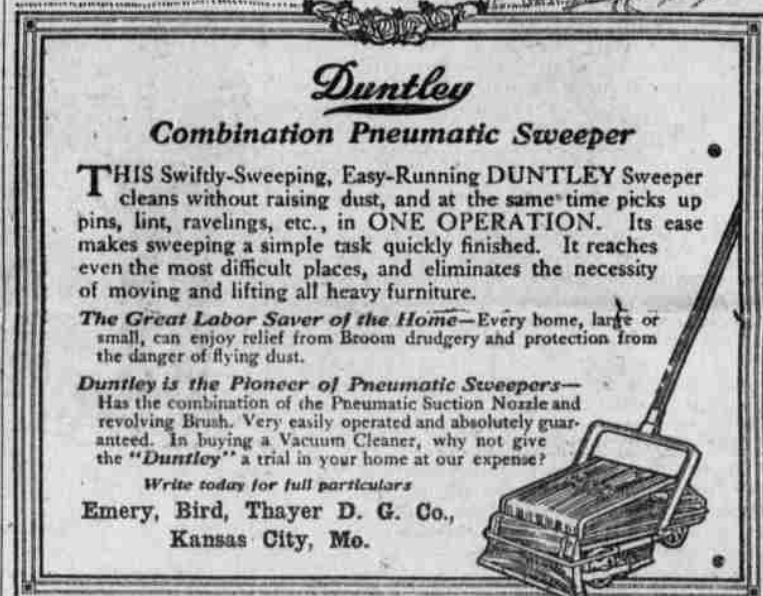
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